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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHELTON

FOR DELIVERY AT OPENING OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 28

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1. WE ANTICIPATE YOU WILL BE SEEING PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN
MINISTER AND ASSUME BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES ARE READILY AVAILABLE
IN DEPARTMENT. WE CANNOT BE CONCLUSIVE YET ON GUESTS FOR
DINNER DECEMBER 6, BUT BELOW ARE SKETCHES OF THOSE WE ARE
TRYING TO GET. FRED SHERWOOD, WHO IS CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF
THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INCIDENTLY MAY WELL BE
THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY.

2. JORGE SKINNER-KLEE. MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE;
FOREIGN MINISTER UNDER CASTILLO ARMAS AND FORMER VICE RECTOR
OF LANDIVAR (JESUIT) UNIVERSITY. HAS REPRESENTED GUATEMALA IN
VARIOUS FORA ON BELIZE DISPUTE; RECENTLY RETURNED FROM UNGA,
LAWYER, TEACHER, AUTHOR, BUSINESSMAN. SON OF A FOREIGN MINISTER.
BORN IN SAN FRANCISCO. FITIES, MARRIED, CHILDREN, URBANE,
GENERALLY FRIENDLY, FLUENT ENGLISH.

3. FRANCISCO VILLAGRAN KRAMER. VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
WITH GENERAL LUCAS. FORMER LEFTIST (EXILED 1963-66 UNDER
PERALTA AZURDIA) NOW LAWYER FOR BUSINESS INTERESTS AND MEMBER
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OF MIDDLE-OF-ROAD REVOLUTIONARY PARTY. HAS BEEN MEMBER OF
LOS DELEGATIONS AND IS INTERESTED IN ROLE OF MULTINATIONALS
IN SEABED EXPLORATION. EXPERT IN CA INTEGRATION MATTERS AND
HAS CONSIDERABLE INTELLECTUAL REPUTATION IN THE IsthMUS. HAS
LIVED IN MEXICO. MARRIED TO AN ITALIAN, FITIES, STUDIED
ABROAD; SOMETIME PROTESTANT PASTOR. ENGLISH.

4. HECTOR ARAGON QUINONEZ. FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF

THE GUATEMALAN CONGRESS AND VP CANDIDATE ON THE MLN TICKET
WITH COLONEL PERALTA AZURDIA. A POLITICAL CONSERVATIVE,
DR. ARAGON IS A PROTEGE OF EX-PRESIDENT ARANA BUT HAS THE
BLESSING OF CIE PRESIDENT SANDOVAL, THE MLN CAUDILLO.
FORMER HEAD OF NATIONAL COFFEE ASSOCIATION (ANACAFE). AGGRESSIVE,
NO-HOLDS-BARRED CAMPAIGNER. MARRIED (SEVERAL TIMES), CHILDREN,
EARLY FITIES, FRIENDLY. NO ENGLISH APPARENT.

5. RENE DE LEON SCHLUTTER. HONORARY PRESIDENT AND ARCHITECT
OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DCG), SECRETARY GENERAL OF
THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC WORLD UNION, AND LONG-TIME HUMAN RIGHTS
ADVOCATE. TESTIFIED BEFORE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE EARLIER THIS
YEAR. CURRENTLY IN RUNNING FOR VP NOMINATION ON TICKET
HEADED BY GENERAL PERALTA MENDEZ. WELL TRAVELED. STUDIED LAW
AND ECONOMICS. MARRIED, CHILDREN, LATE FITIES, FRIENDLY.
UNCOMFORTABLE WITH ENGLISH.

6. (JOSE) ALFREDO OBIOLS GOMEZ. VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN
RELATION. ENGINEER, TEACHER AND CIVIL SERVANT. FORMER PRESIDENT
OF PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND DELEGATE TO LOS AND
STOCKHOLM ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCES. HAWK ON
BELIZE AND NOT CLOSE TO FONMIN MOLINA. RECENTLY RETURNED
FROM SERIES OF VISITS TO SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN WITH VICE
PRESIDENT SANDOVAL SEEKING (BUT NOT FINDING MUCH) SUPPORT FOR
GUATEMALA IN THE UNGA FOURTH COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF BELIZE.
MARRIED, CHILDREN, LATE FITIES, GENERALLY COOPERATIVE. RECOVERING
FROM PROSTATE SURGERY. MARGINAL ENGLISH.

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